

# Cottonwood Creek Sand & Gravel

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Dear Mr. Snow,

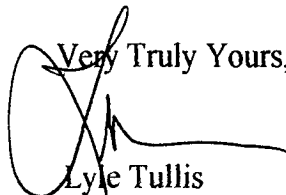
Recently, we purchased Tenney Sand & Gravel, which is an operator of a sand and gravel mining and processing facility located on Cottonwood Creek just upstream from the I-5 bridge.

As a matter of information and record, we feel that several statements contained in your report for the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP) for the Cottonwood Creek Ecological Zone are categorically incorrect.

We have compiled extensive data that demonstrates that our gravel mining operations of the gravel bars within the banks of Cottonwood Creek have had no negative impact on fish, wildlife, or the ecological balance. We have, infact, supplied reams of data ranging from annual cross sections to expert opinions from recognized fish and wildlife biologists that support our contention that we are not having a detrimental effect on the creek. This information has been furnished on an annual basis to the Corp of Engineers, the Fish & Game and other interested parties. There is substantial evidence that our operations have had a very positive impact by loosening the sediments on the stream floor thereby enhancing spawning grounds and by providing spawning gravel that is hauled and placed into the Sacramento River far upstream from its Cottonwood Creek tributary. Established fact says that the vast majority of fish spawning in the Sacramento River do so upstream from Cottonwood Creek. Therefore, it is vitally important that spawning gravels produced and furnished by the gravel operators along Cottonwood Creek have an uninterrupted supply.

While we share in the wish to maintain a healthy Cottonwood Creek, we also believe that future planning should be based on accurate scientific information. At your request we would be happy to furnish you with copies of all our historic data in hopes that you will consider its content when moving forward with the ERPP for Cottonwood Creek.

Very Truly Yours,



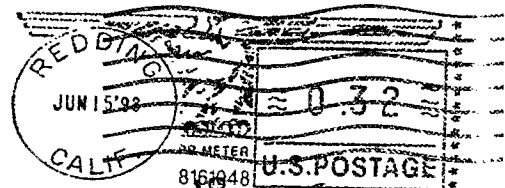
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